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Stage 4 Aircraft Noise Standards

In March 2001, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority adopted Resolution 361 (copy attached) supporting adoption of a Stage 4 aircraft noise certification standard. The Authority sent a copy of the resolution to Ms. Cassandra Jordan of the Interagency Group on International Aviation at the Federal Aviation Administration so that it might be considered in the deliberations leading to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 16 Chapter 4 noise standard.

As stated in the resolution, the Authority then supported, and continues to support, establishment of standards by the Federal Aviation Administration that would require a minimum improvement of 14dB cumulative rather than the 10dB cumulative that was ultimately adopted by ICAO. In the view of the Authority, the lower 10dB standard does not provide a level of improvement commensurate with the creation of the new standard, and it will tend to diminish the progress that otherwise might be made in producing quieter aircraft.

The Authority respectfully requests that Resolution 361 and this conveyance letter be made part of the record of public comment in the docket for this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Dios Marrero
Executive Director

cc: Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 361**A RESOLUTION OF THE BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA
AIRPORT AUTHORITY
SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF A STAGE 4 AIRCRAFT
NOISE CERTIFICATION STANDARD**

WHEREAS, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority ("Authority") has successfully encouraged use of quieter aircraft at the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport ("Airport"), including substantially achieving an all Stage 3 commercial air carrier fleet mix years ahead of the Stage 3 aircraft noise certification standard becoming mandatory under federal law; and

WHEREAS, the International Civil Aviation Organization's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection, of which the Federal Aviation Administration is a member, is considering options for a new international aviation noise certification standard, being described as "Stage 4," which, if adopted, will result in a phaseout of the current Stage 3 aircraft noise certification standard, including a phaseout of originally certificated Stage 2 aircraft that have been retrofitted and recertified to meet the Stage 3 standard; and

WHEREAS, the newest generation of Stage 3 aircraft already exceed minimum Stage 3 noise standards by significant amounts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority supports the efforts of the Federal Aviation Administration and the International Civil Aviation Organization's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection to establish a new Stage 4 aircraft noise certification standard.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that as a target level for improving noise impacts at the Airport, the Authority supports the establishment of standards by the Federal Aviation Administration that would require a minimum improvement of 14dB cumulative and would support the phaseout of originally certificated Stage 2 aircraft that have been retrofitted and recertified to meet Stage 3 standards, as well as the eventual

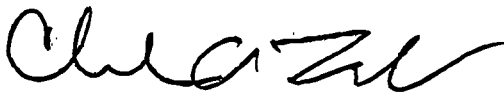
phaseout of all Stage 3 aircraft at the Airport as soon as aircraft capable of meeting a more stringent Stage 4 aircraft noise certification standard are added to the fleet of each user of the Airport.

ADOPTED, this 14th day of February, 2001



President of the Burbank-Glendale-
Pasadena Airport Authority

ATTEST



Secretary or Assistant Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

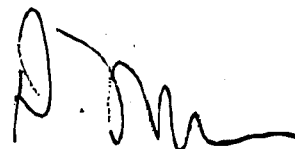
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I, Dios Marrero, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Commission of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority at a meeting held on the 14th day of February 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Berlin, Klengier, Crowley, Povilaitis, Meseck, Holden, Briggs, Streater and Lombardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Dios Marrero
Executive Director